

Evolution of Syndromic approach for early infectious disease diagnosis and control

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Objectives

- Introduction
- Evolution of the Syndromic Approach to diagnosis
- Overview of Mol Biol in Disease diagnostics
- PCR
 - Multiples PCR & Gel based approaches
 - Real time PCR based approaches
 - Film / Bio Arrays
- Syndromic Approach to diagnosis using Sequencing
 - First Gen sequencing
 - Second Gen Sequencing or NGS technology (ES and WGS)
 - Fourth Gen Sequencing: Long read Sequencing
- References

Introduction

Overview of Molecular Methods in the Diagnosis of Infectious Disease

Diagnosis of Known Pathogens	Diagnosis of known pathogens with unknown mutations	Emerging Technologies
ASO-probe Methods	Denaturing Gradient Gel Electrophoresis (DGGE)	Microarray Analysis.
PCR and ARMs-PCR	Sanger Sequencing	Next Generation Sequencing (NGS)
Restriction Enzyme Analysis	Multiplex Ligation- Dependent Probe Amplification (MLPA)	Third Gen Sequencing
Gap-PCR	Sequencing	Fourth Gen Sequencing
Real Time PCR	High Resolution Melting Curve Analysis (HRMA)	
Pyrosequencing		

ASO: Allele specific oligonucleotides, ARMs: Amplification refractory mutation system.

[Old J, Prevention of Thalassemias and Other Haemoglobin Disorders, 2nd ed. Cyprus: Thalassemia International Federation;2012].

Most
Pathogens
Days

Traditional Workflow

CSF Blood Fluids Respiratory Wound Urine Stool

Processed and plated differently for each microorganism type

Parasites

Bacteria

Viruses

Fungi

Mycobacteria

Mycobacteria/
Dimorphic Fungi
Weeks

0
1
2
3-7

0
1
2
3-6

Direct Stains:

Gram Stain
KOH Smear
AFB Smear
Ova &
Parasite
Exam

Serologic Assays

Non-Molecular Methods Directly from Specimens:
Antigen Detection

Molecular Methods Directly from Specimens:
Sample to answer PCR
Syndromic-based panels

Culture:
Growth on media

Other Molecular Methods Directly from Specimens or from Cultured Growth:

Real-time PCR
16S rDNA Sanger Sequencing

Identification:
MALDI-TOF MS
Biochemical ID
16S rDNA Sequencing

Antimicrobial Susceptibility Testing
OR
PCR of resistance genes

Strain Typing:
PFGE
MLST

mNGS Workflow

Any Clinical Specimen

Nucleic Acid Extraction

Conversion of RNA
to cDNA

Library Preparation

NGS Sequencing
~24 hours (range 9-48)

Data Analysis using Rapid Bioinformatics
Taxonomic Classification of Reads
Visualization with Web-based Interfaces

Assembly &
Annotation

Typing & Phylogeny
Resistance database,
Virulence database
Host Response

Days
0
1
2

Futuristic

Fourth
generation
sequencing:
nanopores:

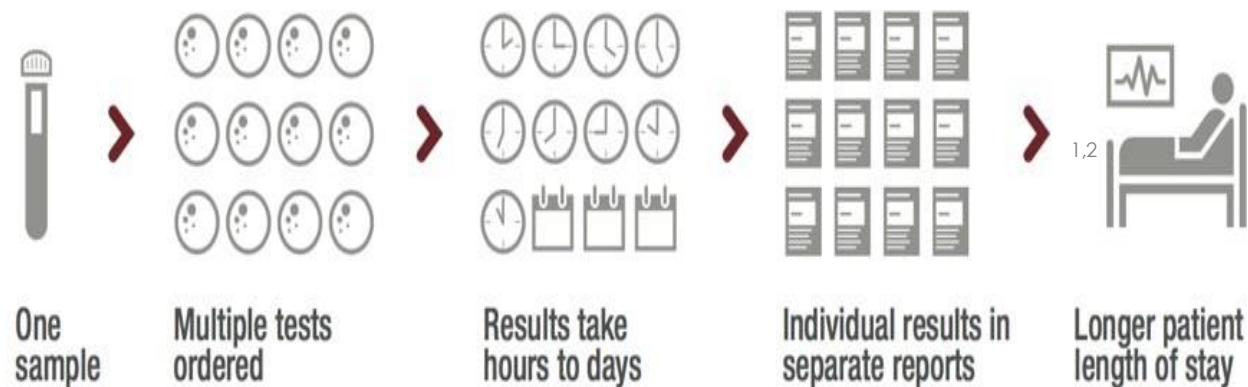
Clin Infect Dis. 2018 Feb 10;66(5):778-788. doi: 10.1093/cid/cix881.

Understanding the Promises and Hurdles of Metagenomic Next-Generation Sequencing as a Diagnostic Tool for Infectious Diseases.

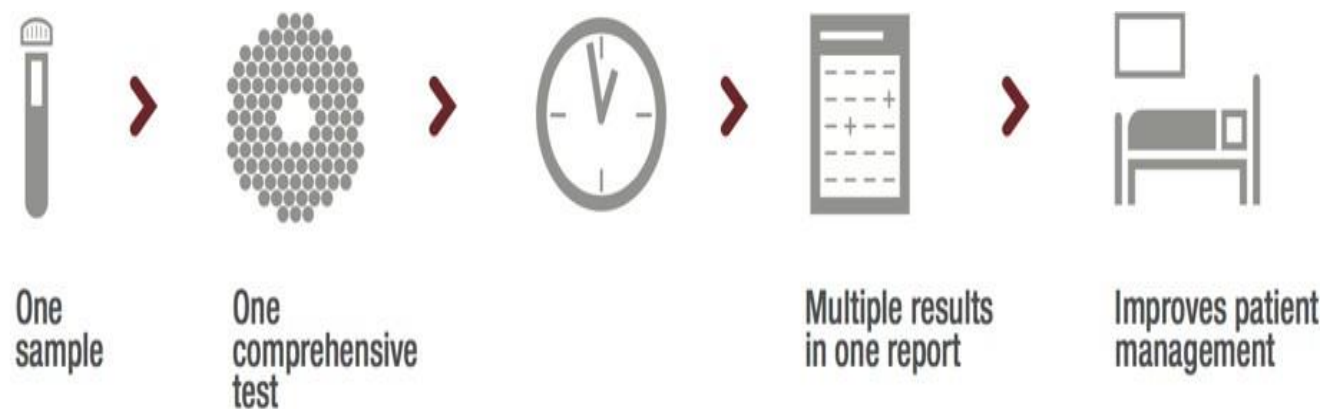
Simner PJ¹, Miller S², Carroll KC¹.

Traditional vs. Syndromic Testing

Traditional Testing



Syndromic Testing

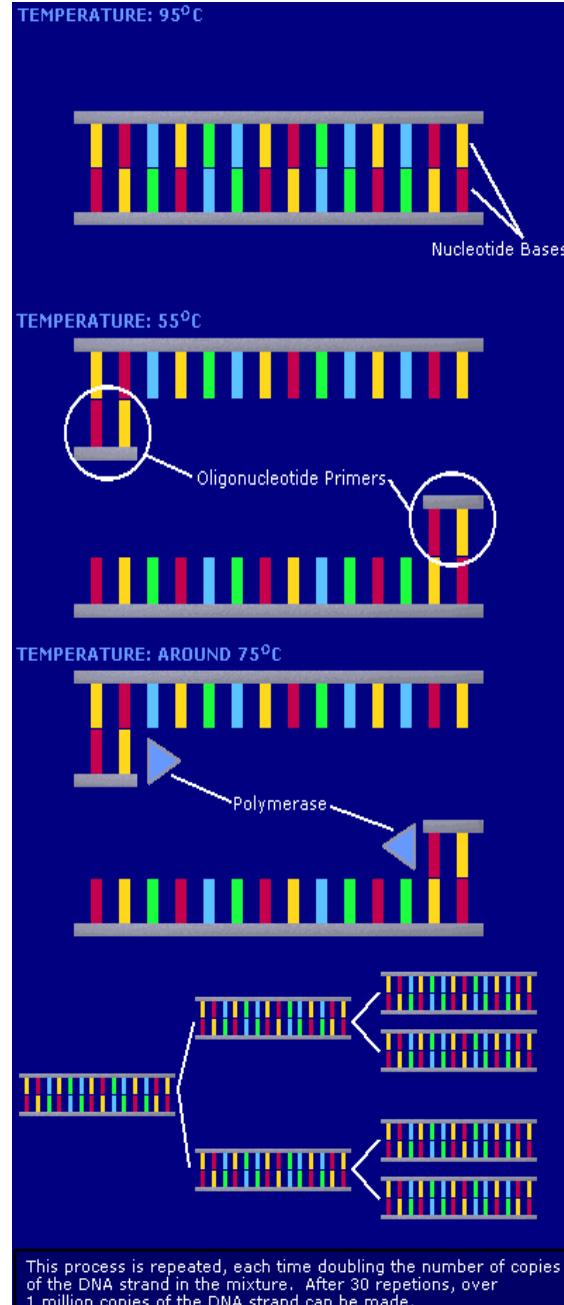


PCR: for AMPLIFICATION OF DNA

Denaturation

Annealing

Extension



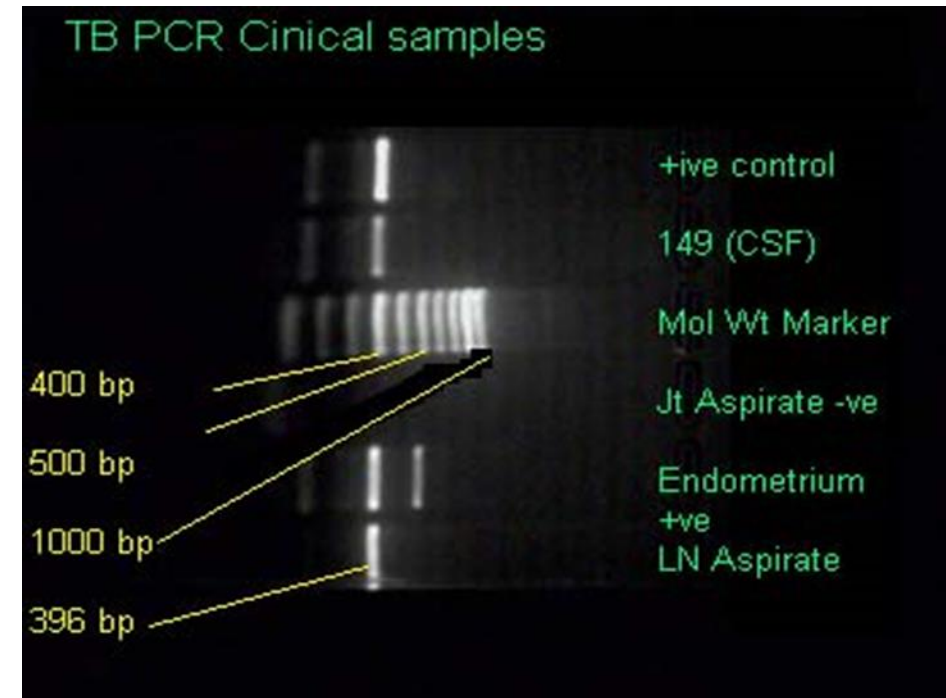
- Under appropriate experimental conditions the DNA molecule can be repeatedly replicated
- *Kary Mullis received the Nobel Prize in 1983 for discovering PCR technology*
- The Polymerase chain reaction (PCR) can be used effectively for diagnosis of infectious disease

Kary Mullis
1944....Aug 2019

One gene one Bacterium detection: TB PCR

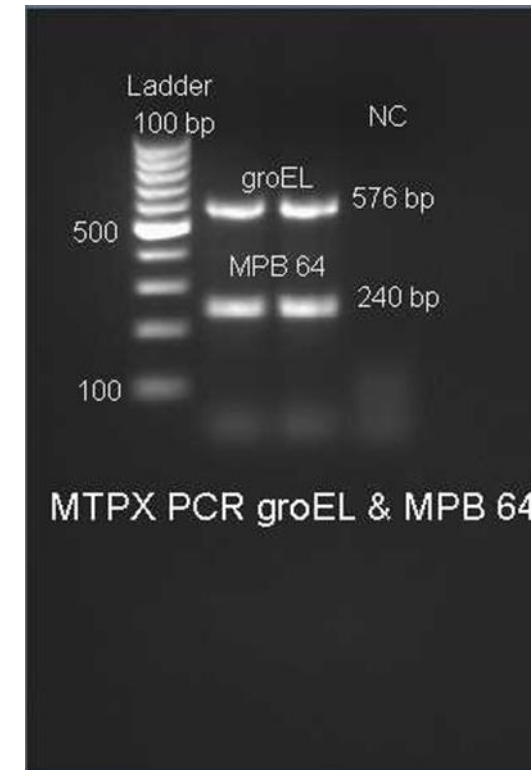
- Any body fluid
- An example for use in infertility testing
 - In investigation of infertility (sample endometrium)
 - Endometrium sheds in 4 weeks
 - Granuloma formation for HPE diagnosis takes 4 weeks
 - PCR enables diagnosis of HPE negative, Culture negative cases of TB endometritis
 - Enables early start of therapy
 - Sample of endometrium in late phase to be sent

MPB 64 gene

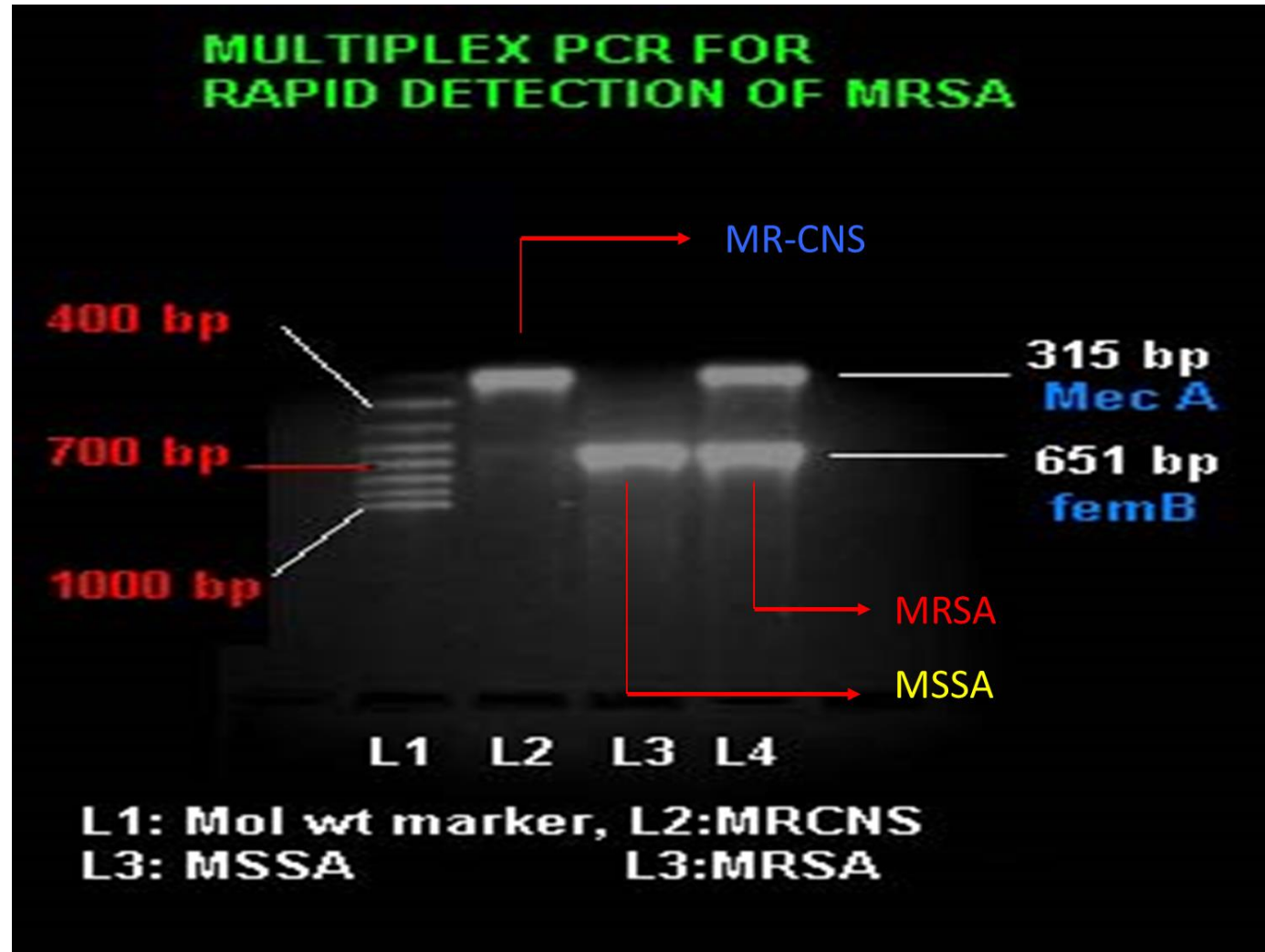


Two genes one Bacterium detection: TB PCR

- Using MULTIPLEX PCR
- Identify two Specific Mycobacterium Gene Coding Regions groEL & MPB 64
- Reduces False Positive Reports Significantly
- Highly Sensitive. Can Identify As Low As 2.3 CFU / Per PCR Reaction Mixture

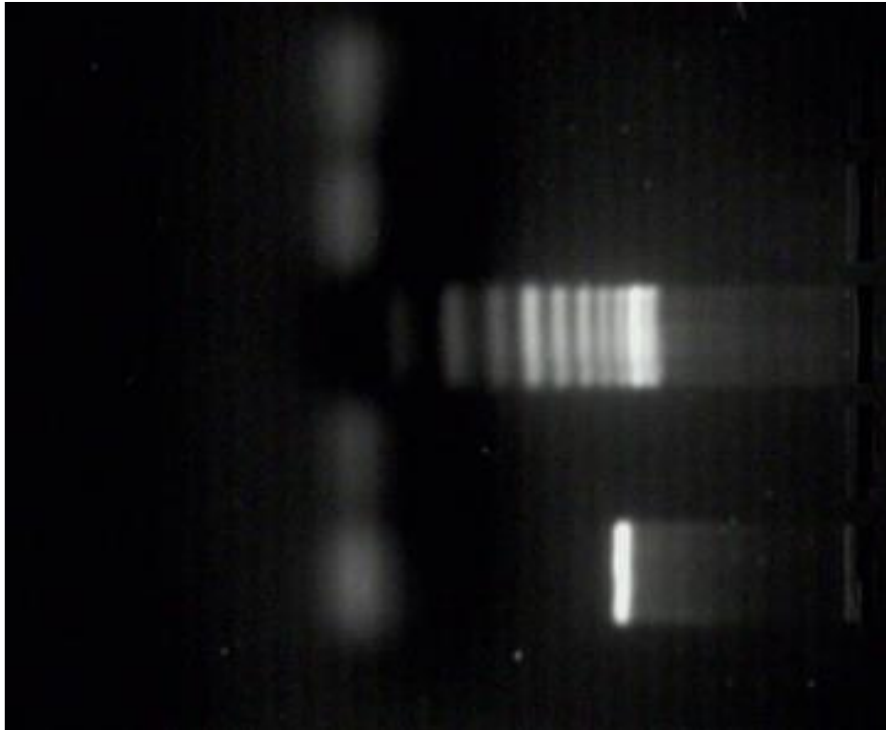


Two genes Two Bacterium detection: MRSA



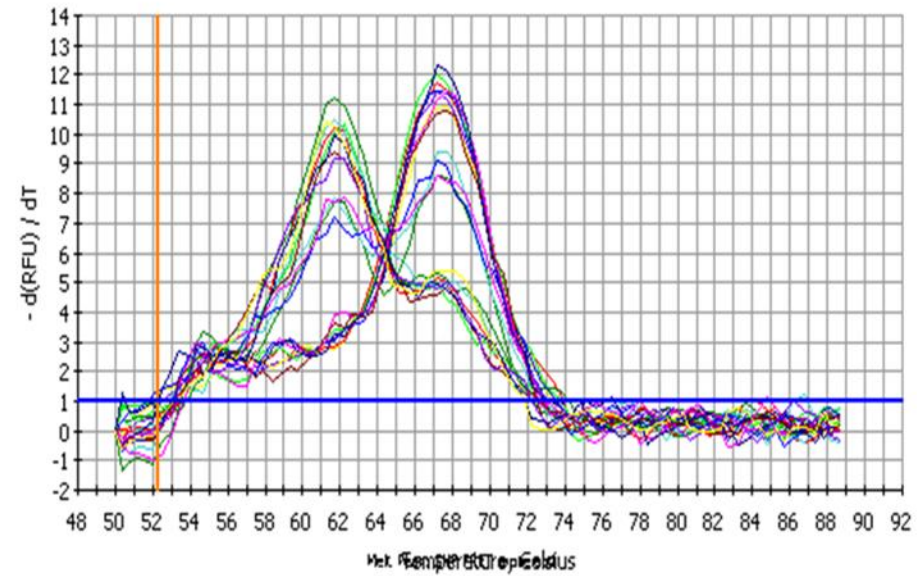
Transition to Real time PCR

PCR for RPO B gene



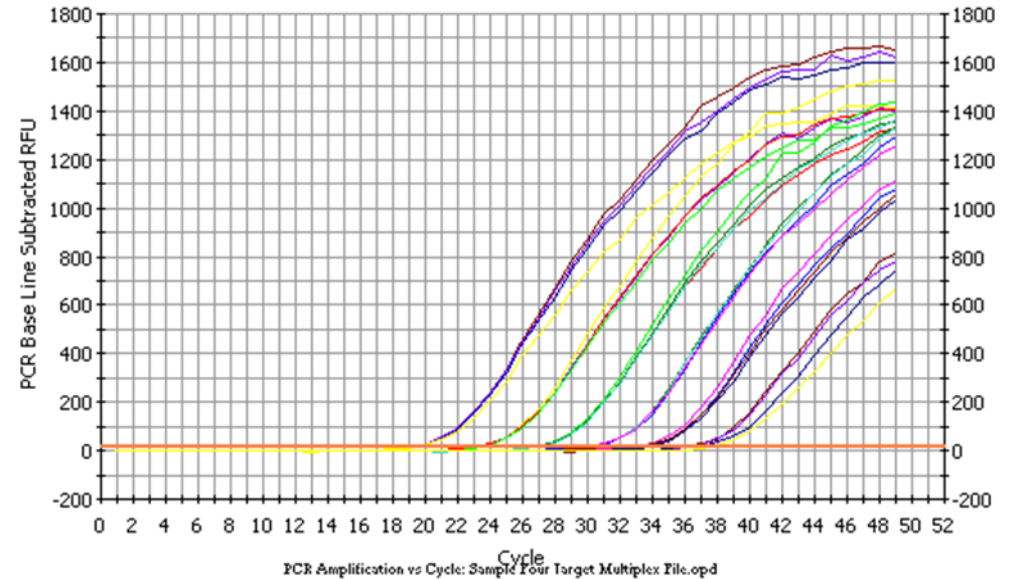
Melt curve analysis

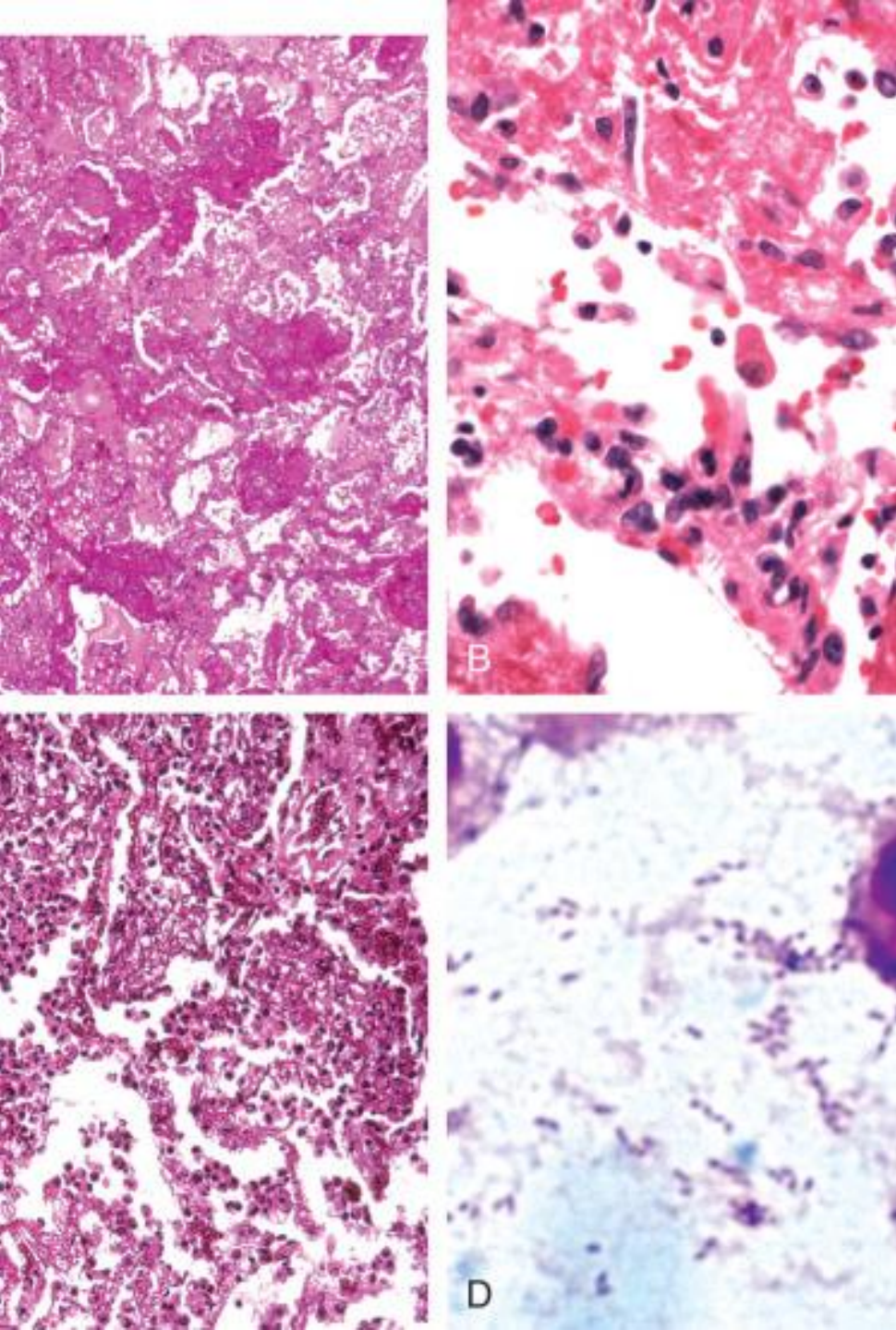
Early diagnosis of M.tuberculosis
Rifampicin resistance



Real Time PCR & Viral Quantification

- Real Time PCR
- Increased cycles sensitivity
- Probe specificity
- Quantification of organisms
- Ideal for syndromic approach





Usual syndrome panels target

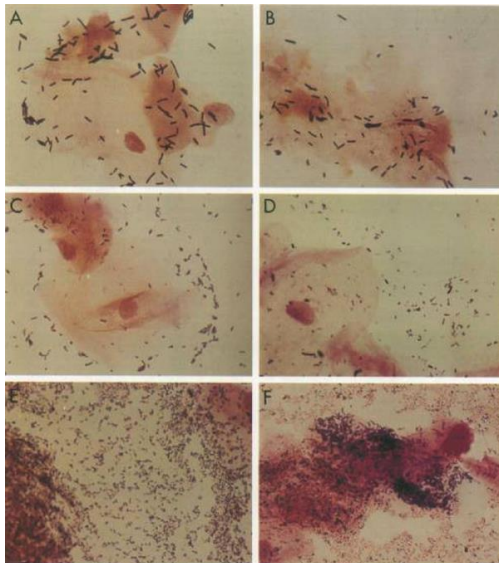
- Respiratory Panel
- Blood Culture Identification Panel
- Gastrointestinal Panel
- Meningitis/Encephalitis Panel
- STI panel

Bacterial etiology of sexually transmitted infections at a STI clinic in Ghana; use of multiplex real time PCR.

Sylverken AA¹, Owusu-Dabo E², Yar DD³, Salifu SP⁴, Awua-Boateng NY³, Amuasi JH³, Okyere PB³, Agyarko-Poku T⁵.

Real time PCR for syndromic approach

- Real time PCR based study
- Complementing the syndromic approach to STI management with pathogen detection
- 200 women tested
- 78.00% of the women were asymptomatic
- 77.1% of them tested positive for at least one bacterial STI pathogen.
- Mycoplasma genitalium was the most commonly (67.5%)
- Of those testing positive,
 - 25.0% had single infections,
 - 38.0% and 19.5% had double and triple infections respectively.
- Recognition that STIs in women are asymptomatic and regular empirical testing even for both symptomatic and asymptomatic patients is critical for complete clinical treatment.



Multiplexing RT PCR

Fast Track Diagnostics/Respiratory Pathogens
21 (Fast Track Diagnostics)"

Table 5: FTD Respiratory pathogens 21 - Possible Results

Master Mix	Pathogen	Signal in Green Channel	Signal in Yellow Channel	Signal in Orange Channel	Signal in Red Channel
FluRhino	IAV	POS	—	—	—
	HRV	—	POS	—	—
	IBV	—	—	POS	—
	IAV (H1N1) swl	—	—	—	POS
COR	HCoV 229	POS	—	—	—
	HCoV NL63	—	POS	—	—
	HCoV HKU1	—	—	POS	—
	HCoV OC43	—	—	—	POS
ParaEAV	HPIV-3	POS	—	—	—
	HPIV-2	—	POS	—	—
	HPIV-4	—	—	POS	—
	IC (EAV)	—	—	—	POS
BoMpPf1	HPIV-1	POS	—	—	—
	HMPV A and B	—	POS	—	—
	HBoV	—	—	POS	—
	<i>M. pneumoniae</i>	—	—	—	POS
RsEPA	HRSV A and B	POS	—	—	—
	HPeV	—	POS	—	—
	EV	—	—	POS	—
	HAdV	—	—	—	POS

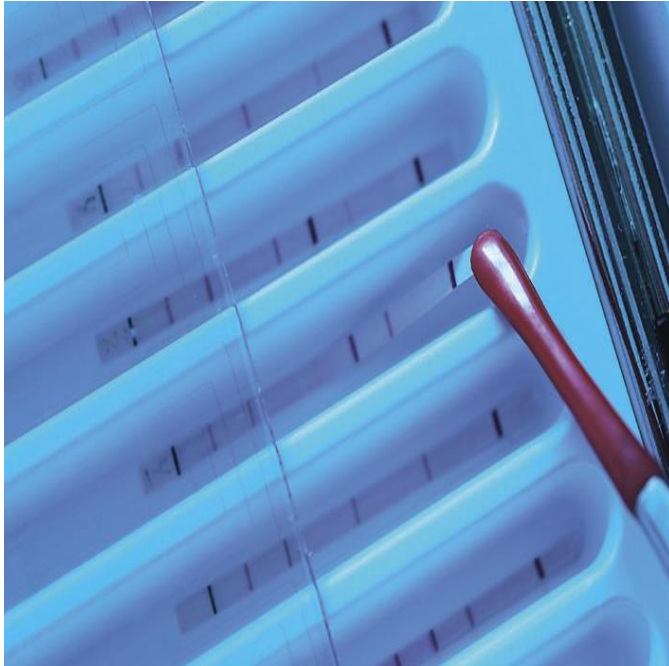
J Med Virol. 2019 May;91(5):731-737. doi: 10.1002/jmv.25379. Epub 2019 Jan 3.

Viral respiratory infections diagnosed by multiplex polymerase chain reaction in pediatric patients.

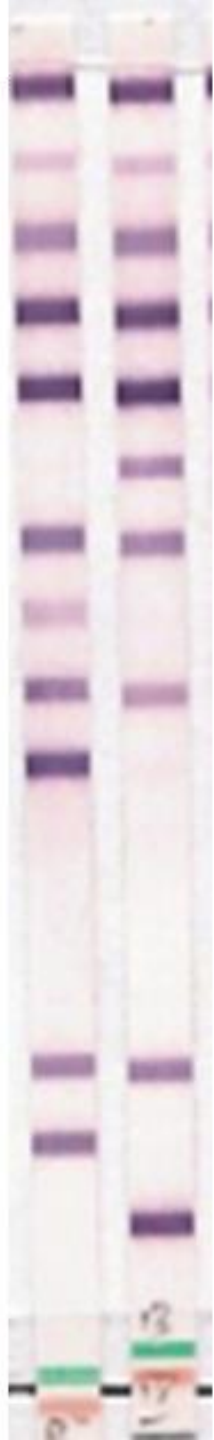
Appak Ö¹, Duman M², Belet N³, Sayiner AA¹.

- A total of 3162 respiratory samples collected from children
- tested by two commercial multiplex real-time PCR assays
- Respiratory pathogens detected in 1857 of the 3162 (58.7%)
- The most prevalent viruses during the 8-year period were
 - rhinovirus/enterovirus (RV/EV; 36.2%),
 - respiratory syncytial virus (RSV; 19%),
 - influenza virus A/B (14.7%).
 - RV/EV and adenoviruses detected throughout the year.
 - Influenza virus was common during January to March
 - RSV and metapneumovirus were also seen in the same season
 - The coinfection percentage was 10.2%.

PCR Amplification and Hybridization to Membrane fixed Probes



- Probes hybridized to membranes/ strips
- Labelled PCR amplicons hybridized
- Colours developed
- Patterns read
 - Mdr Tb Testing: The GenoType[®] product series is based on DNA•Strip[®] Technology



CC
UC
M. tub
rpoB- Uni
rpoB WT 1 (511-516)
rpoB WT 2 (514-518)
rpoB WT 3 (522)
rpoB WT 4 (526)
rpoB WT 5 (533)
rpoB MUT D516V
rpoB MUT H526Y
rpoB MUT H526D
rpoB MUT S531L
katG-Uni
katG WT (315) ←
katG MUT (S315T1)
katG MUT (S315T2)

PCR Amplification and Hybridization to Membrane fixed Probes

- Molecular genetic assay for Identification to Resistance to Rifampicin and/or Isoniazid
- ← Isoniazid-sensitive M. tuberculosis strain
- The wildtype probes show positive signal
- Both mutation probes are negative

Membrane Hybridization for Genotyping: HPV

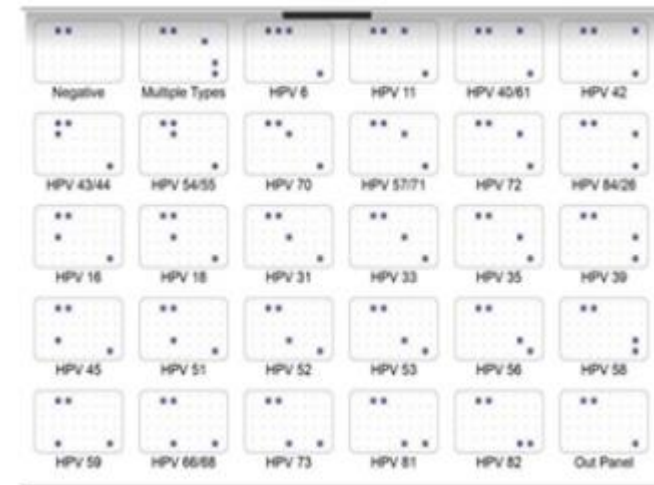
Prominent findings

- 90 cases positive out of 220
- 25 different genotypes
- 56 had mixed infections

Citation: Kamel GG, Kumar M, Menon PK, et al. Molecular evaluation of common HPV genotypes for the patients attending thumbay hospitals, UAE. *Int J Mol Biol Open Access*. 2018;3(1):1-3. DOI: [10.15406/ijmboa.2018.03.00040](https://doi.org/10.15406/ijmboa.2018.03.00040)

HPV genotypes	% Cases
66/68	17%
51	16%
6	15%
16	11%
43/44	6%
33	5%
52	4%
31, 33, 53, 42, 31, 56	3% each
18, 11, 45	2%
Others (26/84, 35, 39, 40/61, 54/55, 57/71, 59, 59, 68, 73, 81)	1% each

Number of viruses co infecting	Number of cases	%cases
1	34	38%
2	19	21%
3	13	14%
4	14	16%
5	6	7%
6	2	2%
7	1	1%
10	1	1%
Total	90	100%



Membrane Hybridization Syndromic Approach

[J Clin Microbiol. 2018 May 25;56\(6\). pii: e01945-17. doi: 10.1128/JCM.01945-17. Print 2018 Jun.](#)

Multicenter Evaluation of BioFire FilmArray Respiratory Panel 2 for Detection of Viruses and Bacteria in Nasopharyngeal Swab Samples.

[Leber AL¹](#), [Everhart K²](#), [Daly JA³](#), [Hopper A³](#), [Harrington A⁴](#), [Schreckenberger P⁴](#), [McKinley K⁴](#), [Jones M⁵](#), [Holmberg K⁵](#), [Kensinger B⁵](#).

FilmArray[®] Respiratory Panel

Viruses

Adenovirus
Coronavirus HKU1
Coronavirus NL63
Coronavirus 229E
Coronavirus OC43
Human Metapneumovirus
Human Rhinovirus/Enterovirus
Influenza A
Influenza A/H1
Influenza A/H3
Influenza A/H1-2009
Influenza B

Parainfluenza 1
Parainfluenza 2
Parainfluenza 3
Parainfluenza 4
Respiratory Syncytial Virus

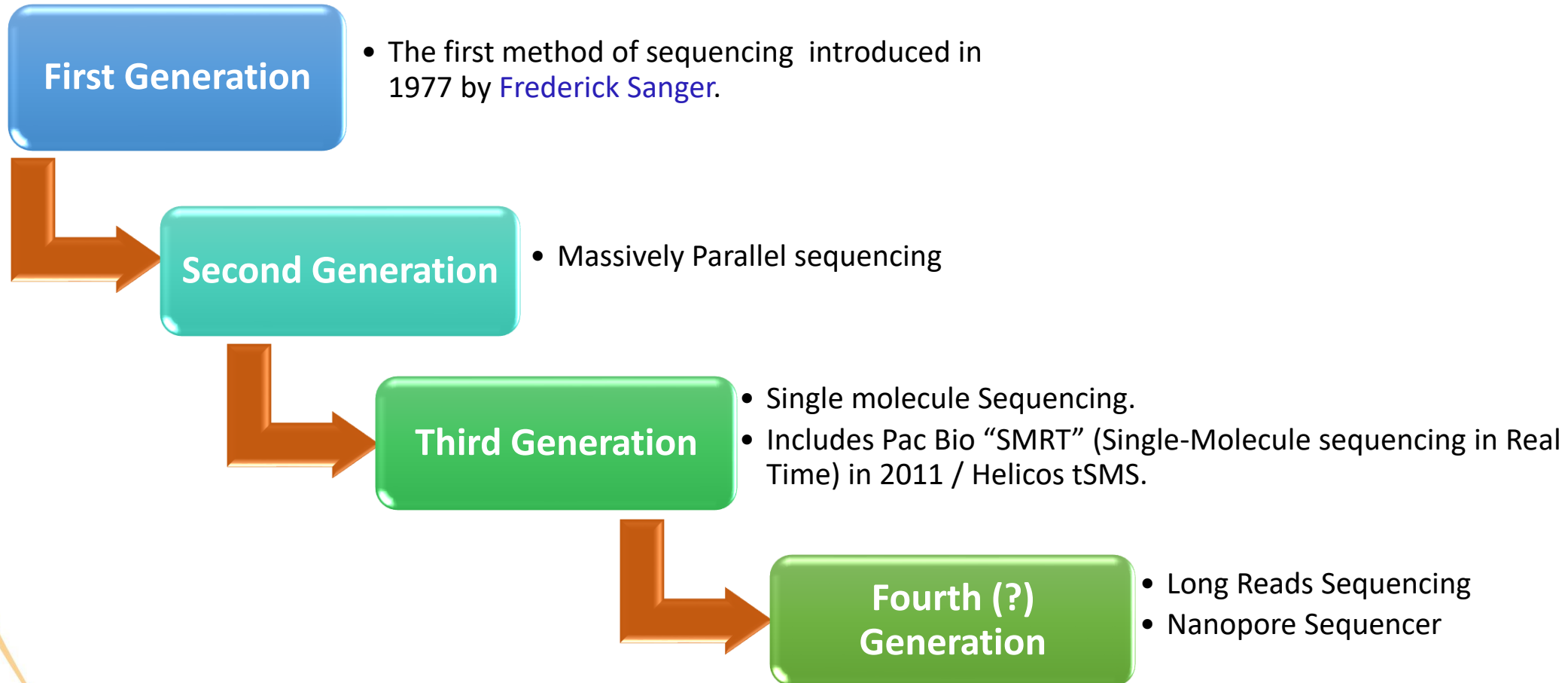
Bacteria

Bordetella pertussis
Chlamydomphila pneumoniae
Mycoplasma pneumoniae

Overall 95% Sensitivity and 99% Specificity¹

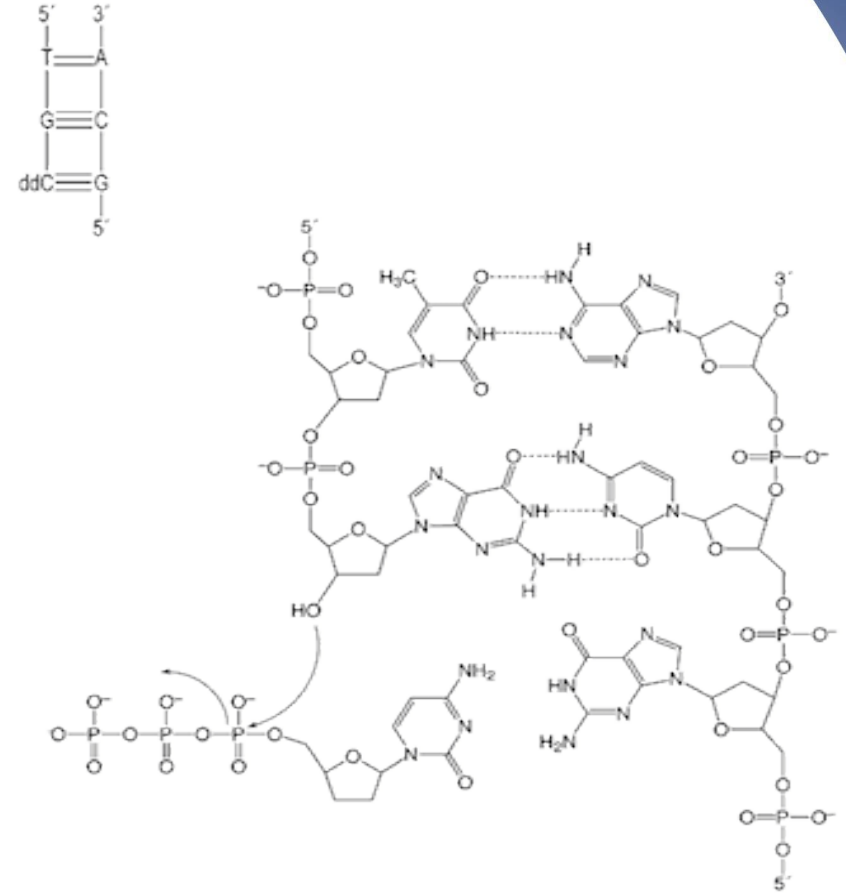
- A multicenter evaluation of 1,612 prospectively collected NPS samples
- The overall percent agreement between the FilmArray RP2 and the comparator testing was 99.2%.
- Positive percent agreement of 91.7%
- A negative percent agreement of $\geq 93.8\%$ for all analytes.

Generations of DNA sequencing techniques



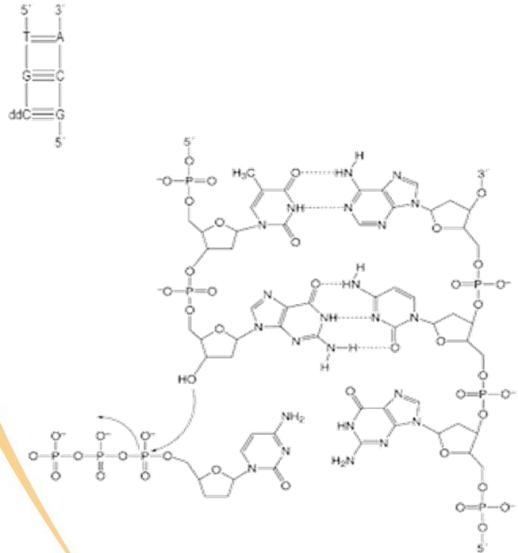
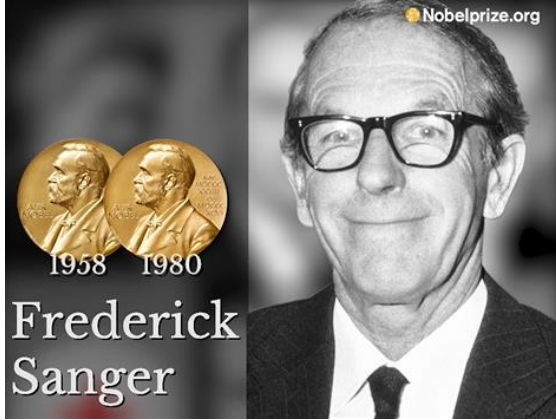
Sanger Sequencing

- The dideoxy method of DNA sequencing developed by Sanger et al. 1977
- DNA polymerases incorporate deoxynucleotide bases.
- The dideoxynucleotide lacks a 3'-hydroxyl group so further elongation of the chain is prevented
- Chain elongation is terminated selectively at A, C, G, or T.



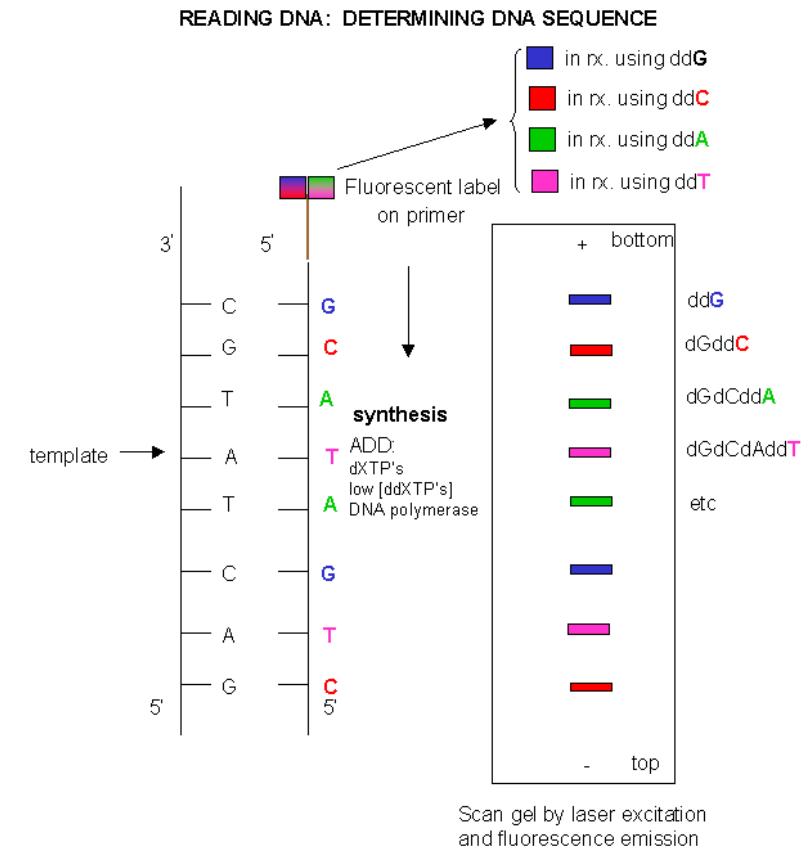
Fred Sanger

1918 to 2013



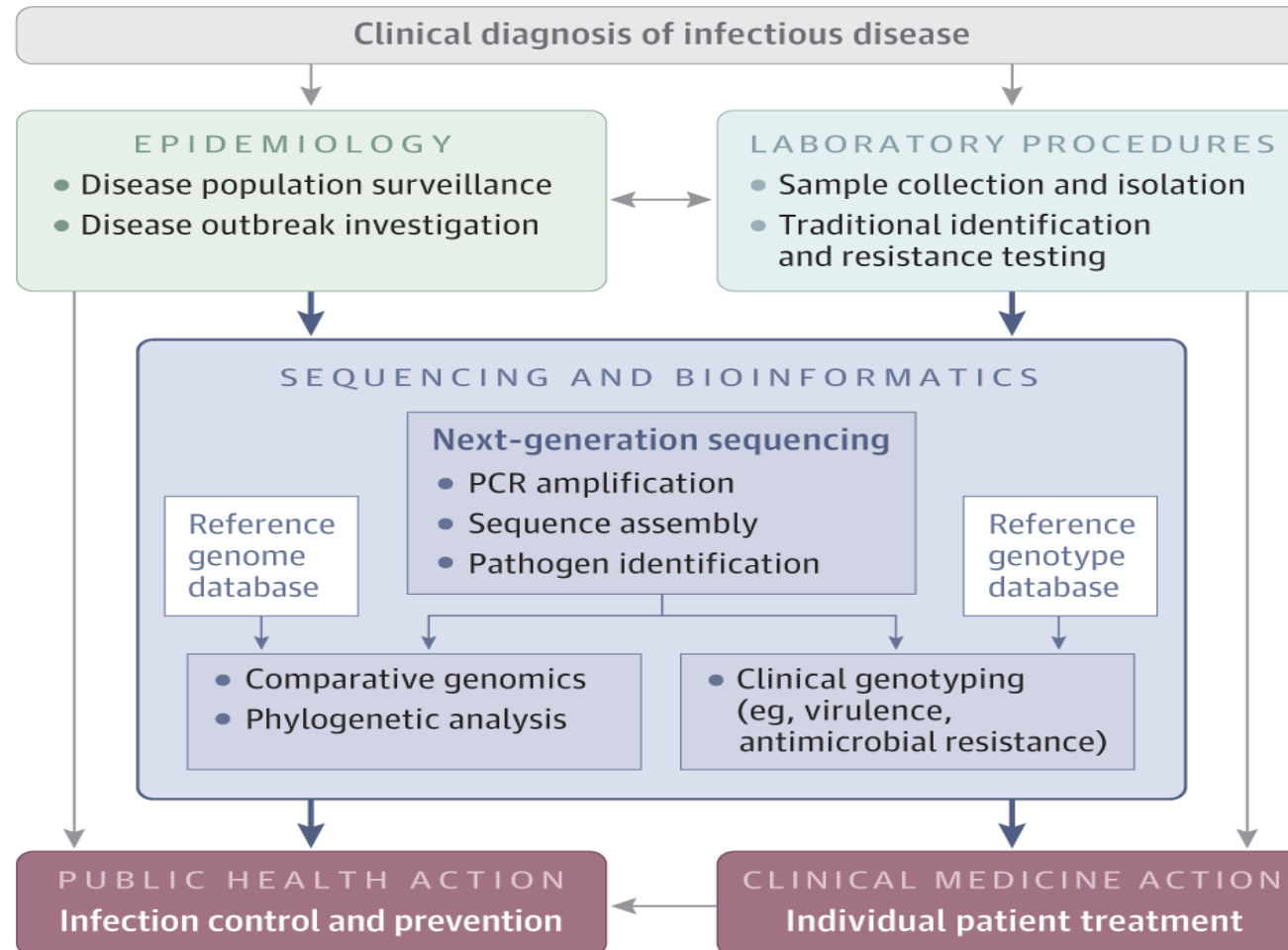
Sangers (contd)

- First Gen Sequencing is primarily used for sequence detection, mutation analysis and genotyping in case of known sequences
- Not suitable for syndromic approach for disease diagnosis
- Second generation sequencers offer a good platform for syndromic approaches as well as quantitative metagenomics
- Third (? Fourth) generation sequencers may be the future of rapid infectious pathogen diagnosis by offering non amplified direct reads from isolated DNA



From: Next-Generation Sequencing of Infectious Pathogens

JAMA. 2019;321(9):893-894. doi:10.1001/jama.2018.21669



Workflow
Transforming
Pathogen Genome
Sequence Data Into
Actionable
Information

Massively Parallel Sequencing (MPS)

Principle of MPS:

- The concept behind MPS technology is similar to the Sanger method-
- DNA is cut into multiple small fragments
- DNA polymerase catalyzes the incorporation of fluorescently labeled deoxyribonucleotide triphosphate (dNTPs) in to a DNA template strand during sequential cycles of DNA synthesis.
- During each amplification cycle, incorporation of nucleotides is identified by different technologies.
- The data derived is analysed by computers by alignment of overlapping sequences

Types of MPS:

1. Illumina (Solexa) sequencing (Sequencing by synthesis).
2. Ion Torrent semiconductor sequencing.
3. 454 pyrosequencing (Roche 454 system).
4. SOLiD sequencing (Sequencing by ligation).

Two NGS technologies currently popular

Sequencing by
semiconductor based
sequencing



Ion PGM™ Sequencer



Ion Proton™ Sequencer



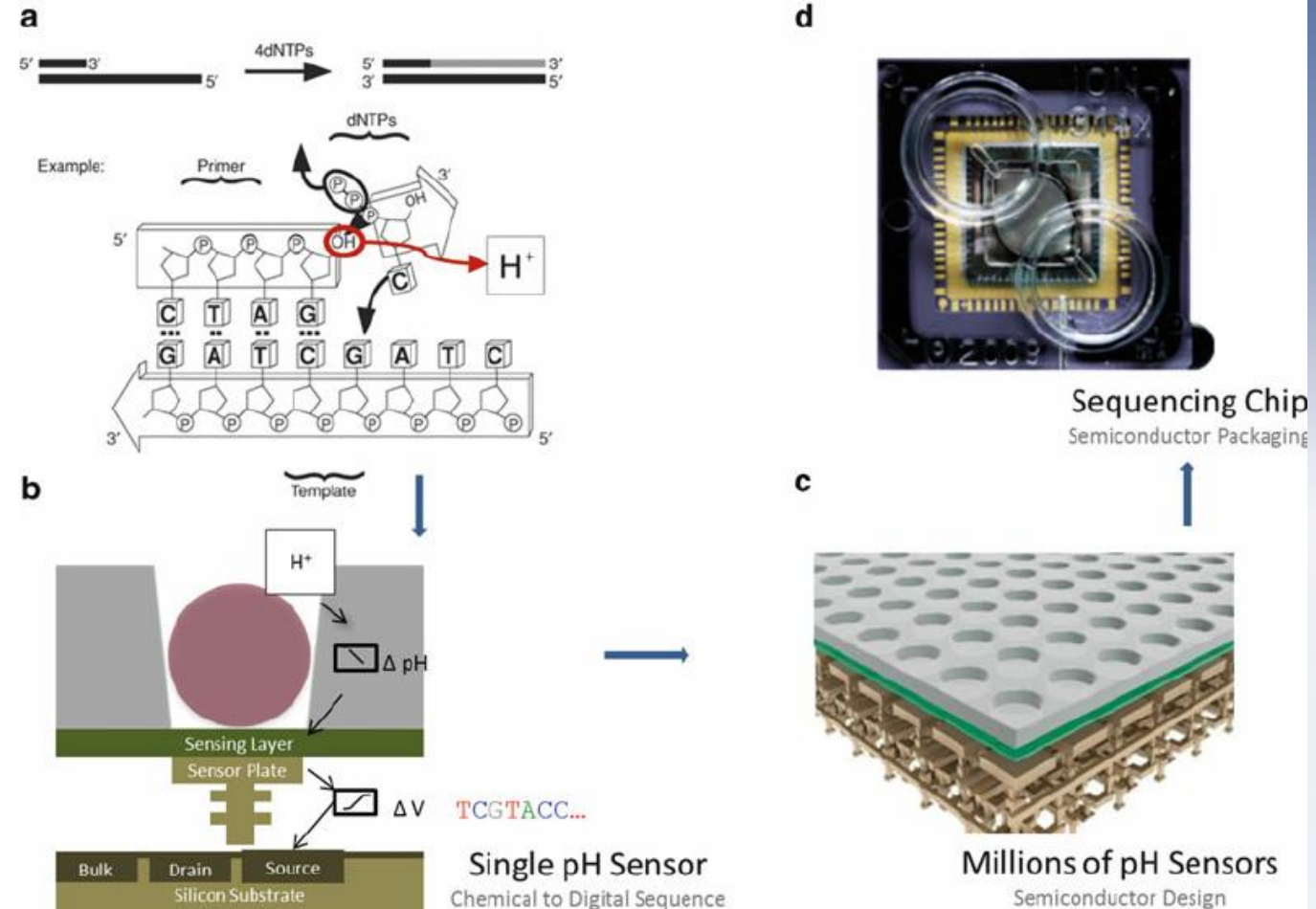
Ion Torrent semiconductor sequencer

Ion Torrent Semiconductor Sequencing

- Ion Torrent was released at the end of 2010.[8,10]
- It uses semiconductor Chip.
- When a nucleotide is incorporated into the DNA molecules by the polymerase, a proton is released.
- By detecting the change in pH, PGM recognized whether the nucleotide is added or not.
- Each time the chip was flooded with one nucleotide after another.

Principle and Elements of Semiconductor Sequencing

Simple Natural Chemistry of Sequencing-by-Synthesis with H^+ release detection



Two NGS technologies currently popular

Sequencing by synthesis

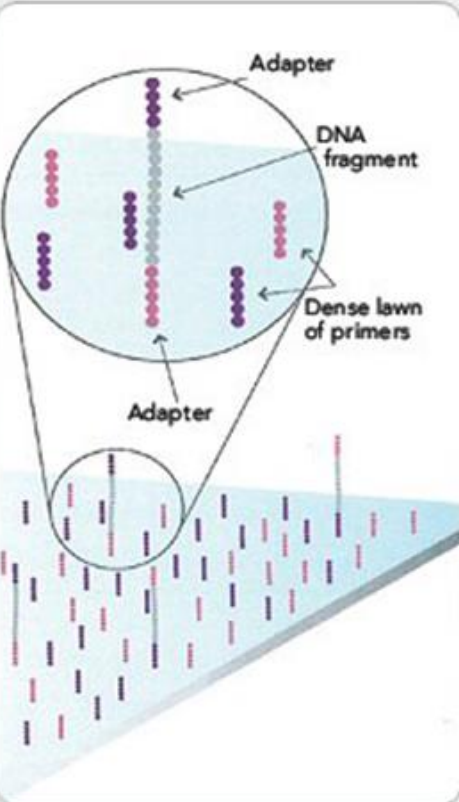


Illumina Genome analyzer

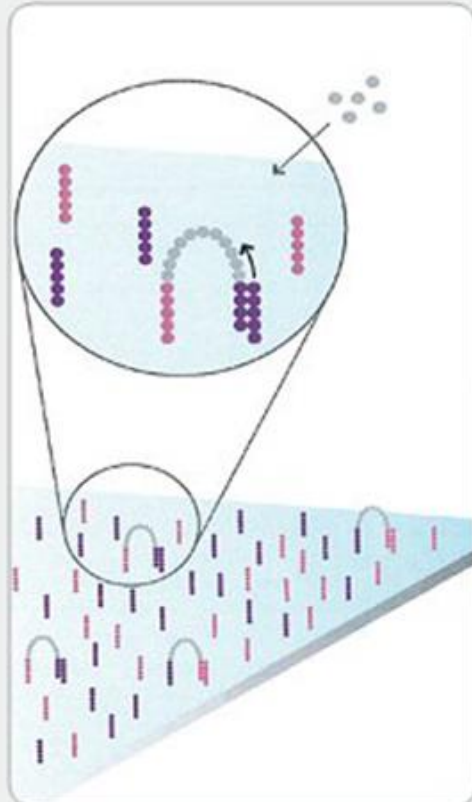
Reversible Terminator (HiSeq, MiSeq, NextSeq)

Cluster generation on a flow-cell surface

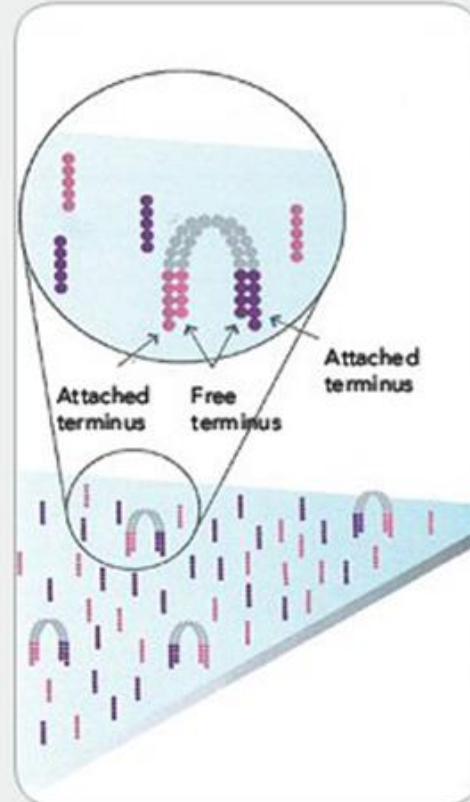
ATTACH DNA TO SURFACE



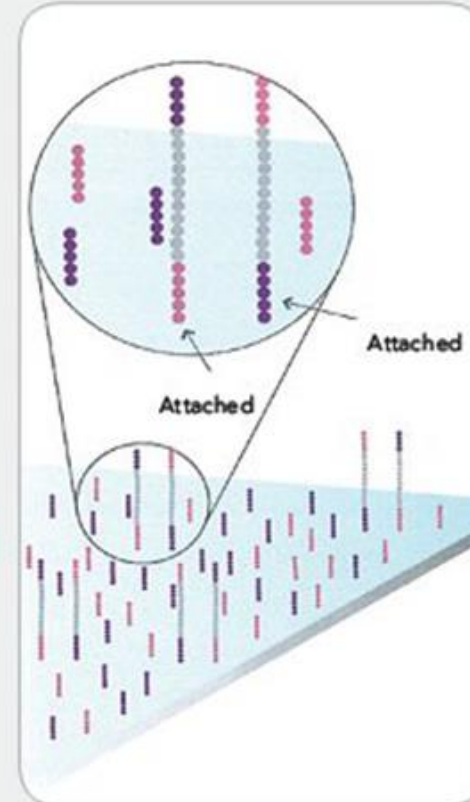
BRIDGE AMPLIFICATION



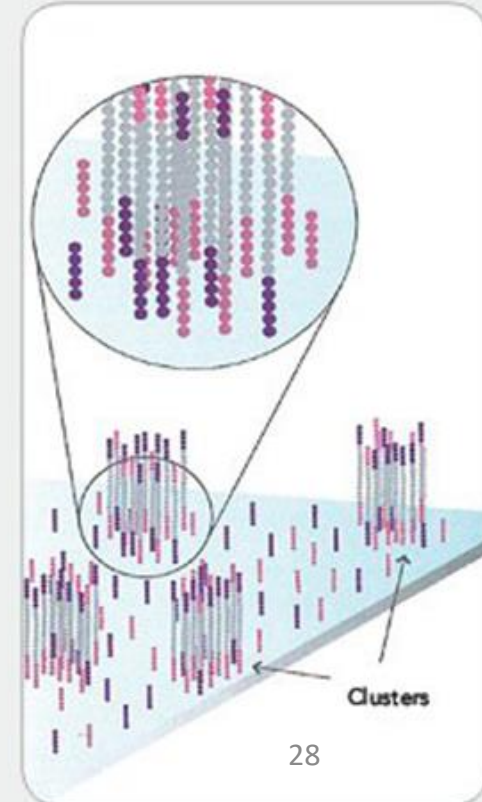
FRAGMENTS BECOME DOUBLE STRANDED



DENATURE THE DOUBLE-STRANDED MOLECULES



COMPLETE AMPLIFICATION



- Metagenomic sequencing can be used for detection of any pathogens using unbiased, shotgun next-generation sequencing (NGS), [without the need for sequence-specific amplification](#).
- Proof-of-concept has been demonstrated in infectious disease outbreaks of unknown causes and in patients with suspected infections but negative results for conventional tests.
- Metagenomic NGS tests hold [great promise to improve infectious disease diagnostics](#), especially in immunocompromised and critically ill patients.
- Examples from 2 separate validation studies are provided for steps from assay design, and validation of wet bench and bioinformatics protocols, to quality control and assurance.

[Arch Pathol Lab Med](#). 2017 Jun;141(6):776-786. doi: 10.5858/arpa.2016-0539-RA. Epub 2017 Feb 7.

Validation of Metagenomic Next-Generation Sequencing Tests for Universal Pathogen Detection.

[Schlaberg R¹](#), [Chiu CY¹](#), [Miller S¹](#), [Procop GW¹](#), [Weinstock G¹](#); [Professional Practice Committee and Committee on Laboratory Practices of the American Society for Microbiology¹](#); [Microbiology Resource Committee of the College of American Pathologists¹](#).

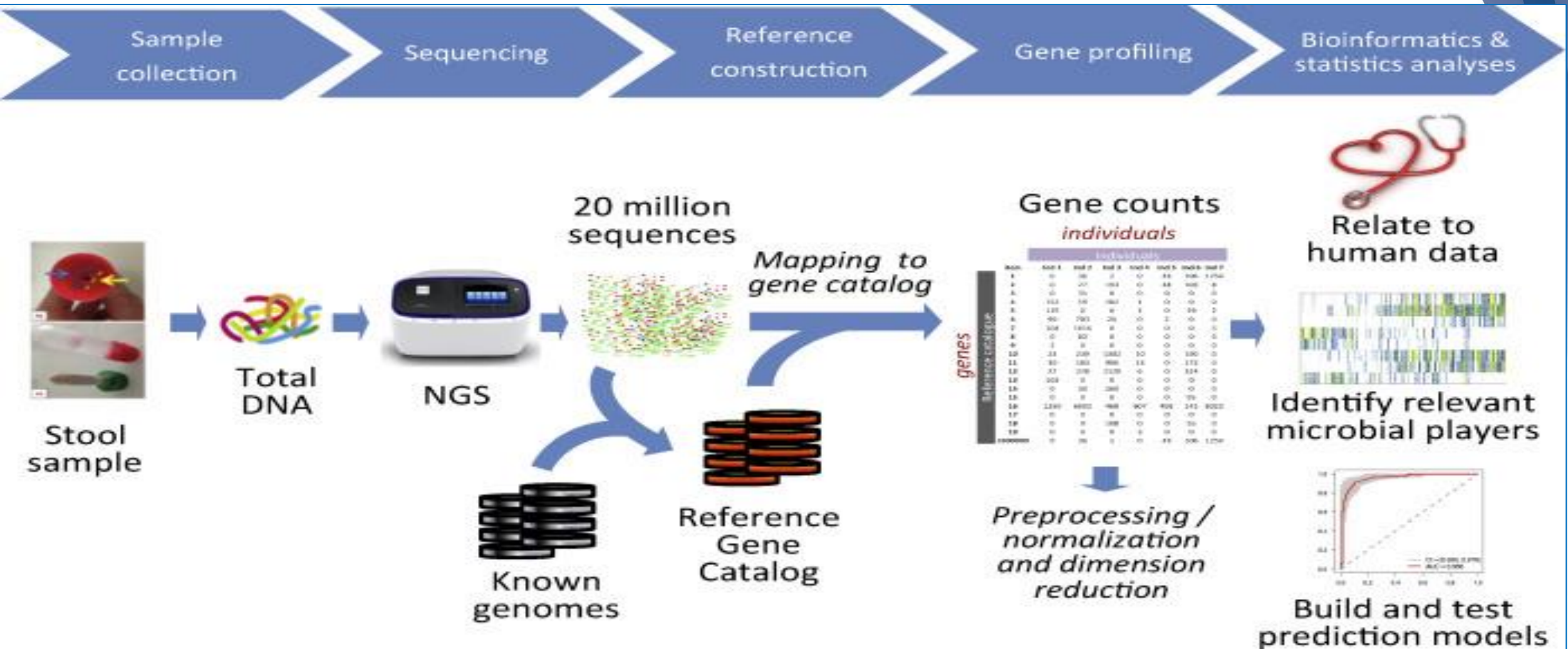
J Med Microbiol. 2019 Jul;68(7):996-1002. doi: 10.1099/jmm.0.000968. Epub 2019 May 28.

Detection of respiratory pathogens in clinical samples using metagenomic shotgun sequencing.

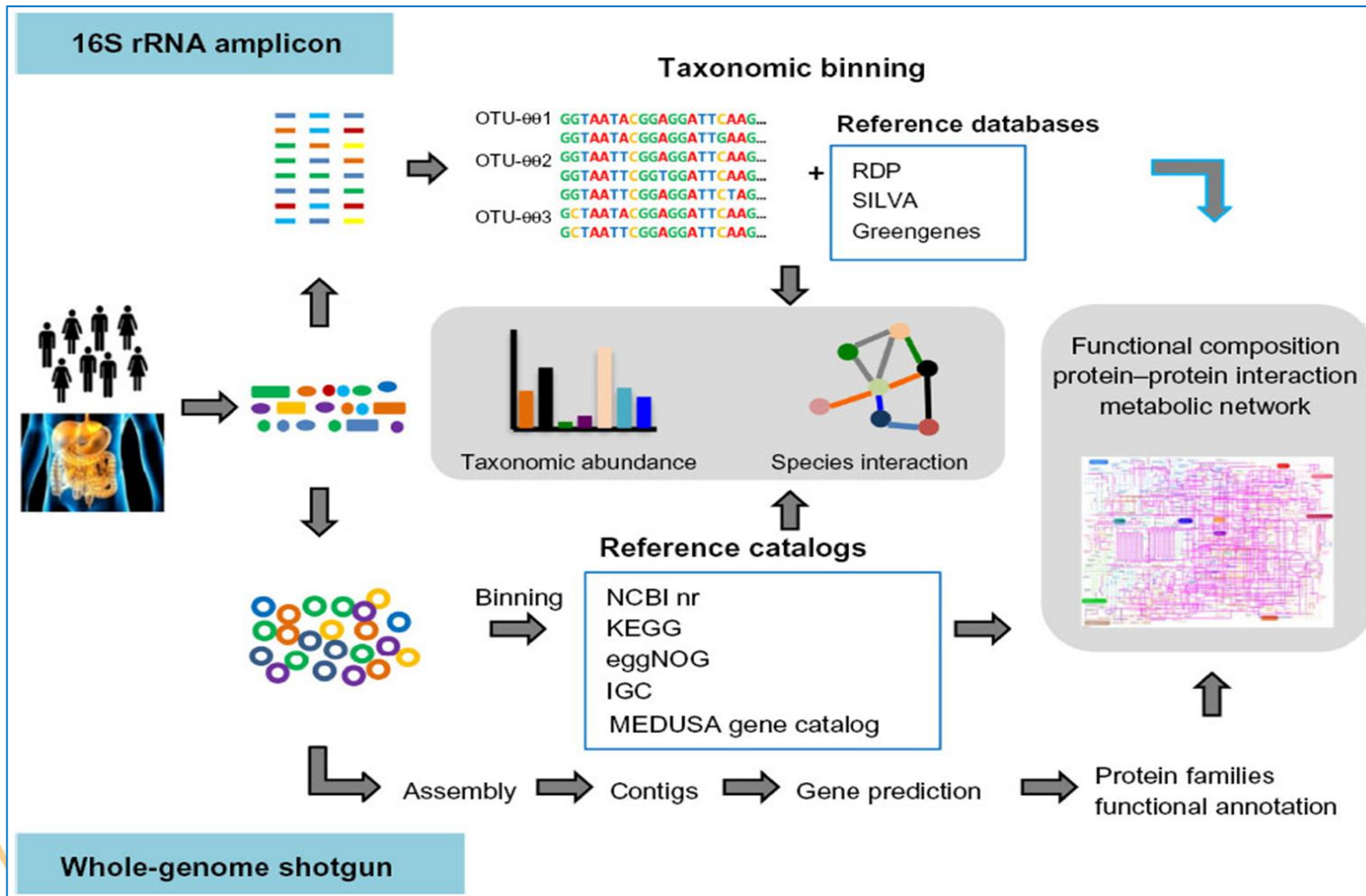
Qi C¹, Hountras P², Pickens CO², Walter JM², Kruser JM², Singer BD², Seed P^{3,4,5}, Green SJ⁶, Wunderink RG².

- Shotgun metagenome sequencing (SMS) strategy on BAL samples from hospitalized patients with suspected VAP
- 67BAL samples from patients with VAP were tested
- SMS detected all pathogens recovered by cultivation approaches.
- In addition, putative pathogens other than the organisms recovered by culture were detected by SMS in culture-positive samples.
- In 40 of 45 (89 %) culture-negative samples, a potential pathogen was detected by SMS.
- SMS is able to detect bacterial, fungal and viral organisms in BAL, including culture-negative cases.

Quantitative metagenomics for the characterization of the human gut microbiome.

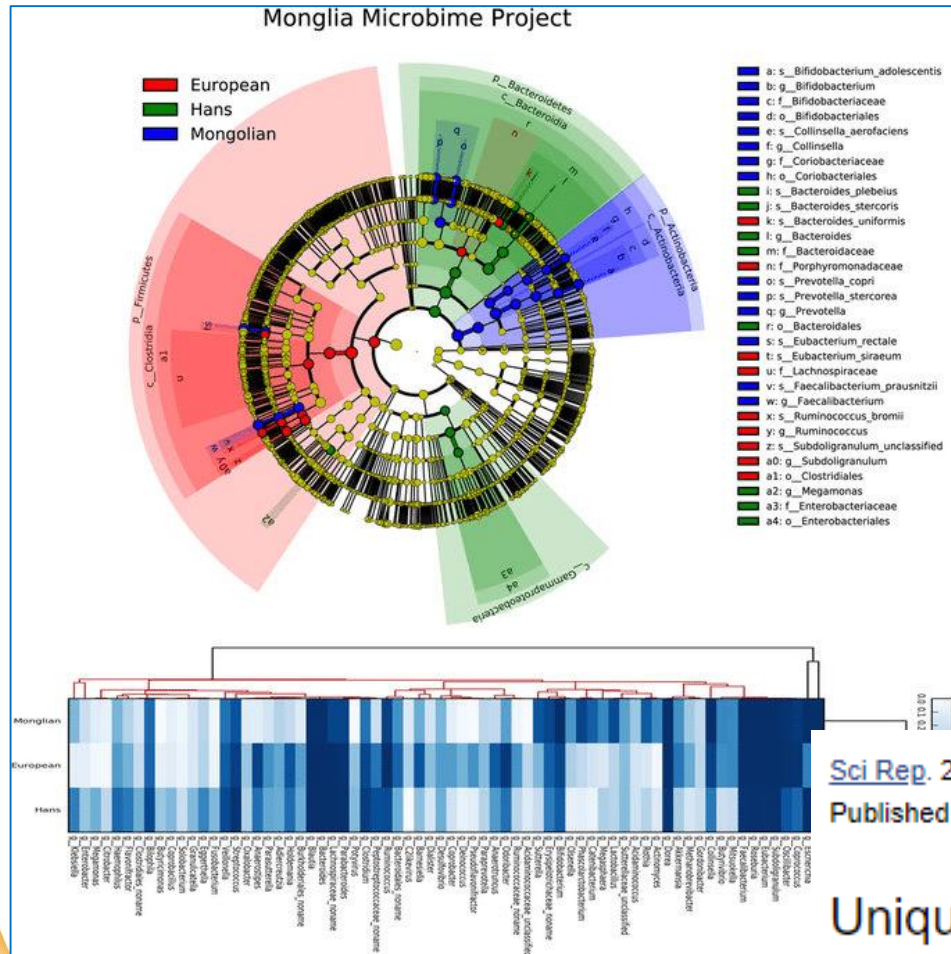


Bioinformatics for gut microbiota metagenomic analysis.



- The taxonomic assignment can be inferred by similarity-based or composition-based methods.
- With the taxonomic assignment of sequences, the species abundance can be characterized
- In the 16S rRNA-based approach, the function of the community can also be predicted using reference genome databases.

Gut Microbiome: Mongolia Microbiome Project



- 110 healthy Mongolian adults gut microbiota by shotgun metagenomic sequencing
- Data Compared with the intestinal microbiome among Mongolians, the Hans and European cohorts.
- Actinobacteria and *Bifidobacterium* were the key microbes contributing to the differences
- Metagenomic species analysis indicated that *Faecalibacterium prausnitzii* and *Coprococcus comes* were rich in Mongolian people
- The enriched genus *Collinsella*, a biomarker in symptomatic atherosclerosis might be associated with the high morbidity of cardiovascular and cerebrovascular diseases in Mongolian adults

Sci Rep. 2016; 6: 34826.

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Unique Features of Ethnic Mongolian Gut Microbiome revealed by metagenomic analysis

Wenjun Liu,^{1,*} Jiachao Zhang,^{1,*} Chunyan Wu,^{2,*} Shunfeng Cai,² Weiqiang Huang,¹ Jing Chen,² Xiaoxia Xi,¹ Zebin Liang,² Qiangchuan Hou,¹ Bing Zhou,² Nan Qin,^{a,3} and Heping Zhang^{b,1}

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OMICS. 2019 Oct;23(10):477-485. doi: 10.1089/omi.2019.0063.

New Insights on Obesity and Diabetes from Gut Microbiome Alterations in Egyptian Adults.

Salah M¹, Azab M², Ramadan A³, Hanora A².

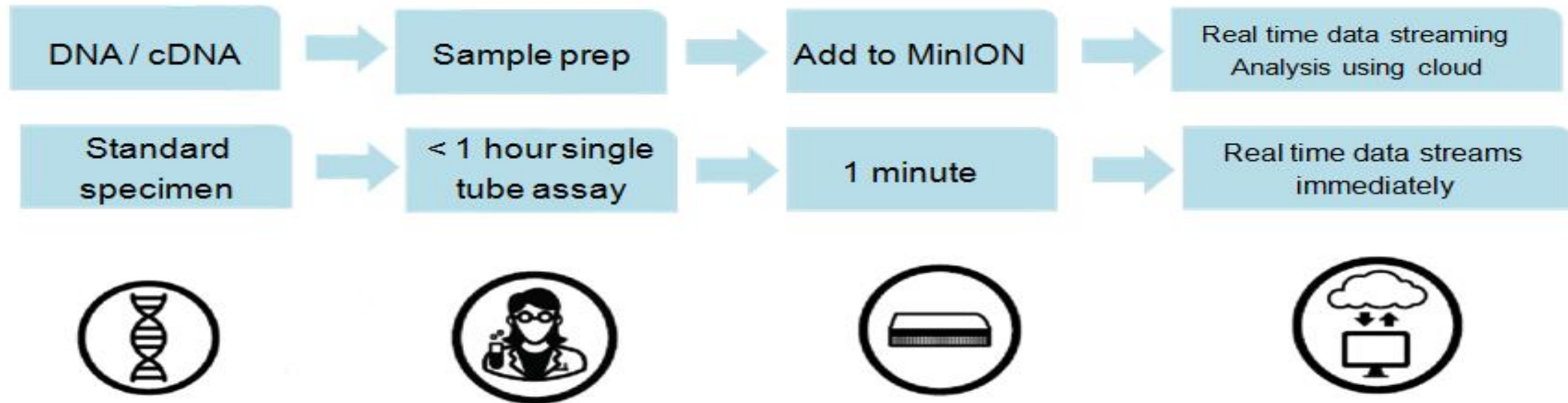
- Examined differences in gut microbiome in Egyptian adults from Egypt.
- Four study groups:
 1. Controls (C) with a normal body mass index, without obesity or diabetes,
 2. Obese adults (O) without diabetes,
 3. Adults with diabetes (D) who are not obese, and
 4. Adults who are both obese and diabetic (OD).
- 16S ribosomal RNA (rRNA) gene sequenced using the Illumina MiSeq platform.
- Ratio of Firmicutes/Bacteroidetes (F/B) displayed a remarkable increase in (OD) than controls.
- Faecalibacterium ($p < 0.05$) and Akkermansia ($p < 0.001$) distinguished (O) from controls,
- Fusobacterium ($p < 0.001$) and Bacteroides ($p < 0.001$) was significantly more abundant in (OD) compared with D.
- Obesity and diabetes were associated with remarkably enriched populations of Firmicutes and Bacteroidetes.
- The abundance of Fusobacterium is worth further research and exploration as a candidate biomarker for prediabetes especially in obese individuals.
- The potential antihyperglycemic activity of the gut microbiota is also noteworthy for future studies in other world populations.

From the First to the Fourth gen DNA sequencers.

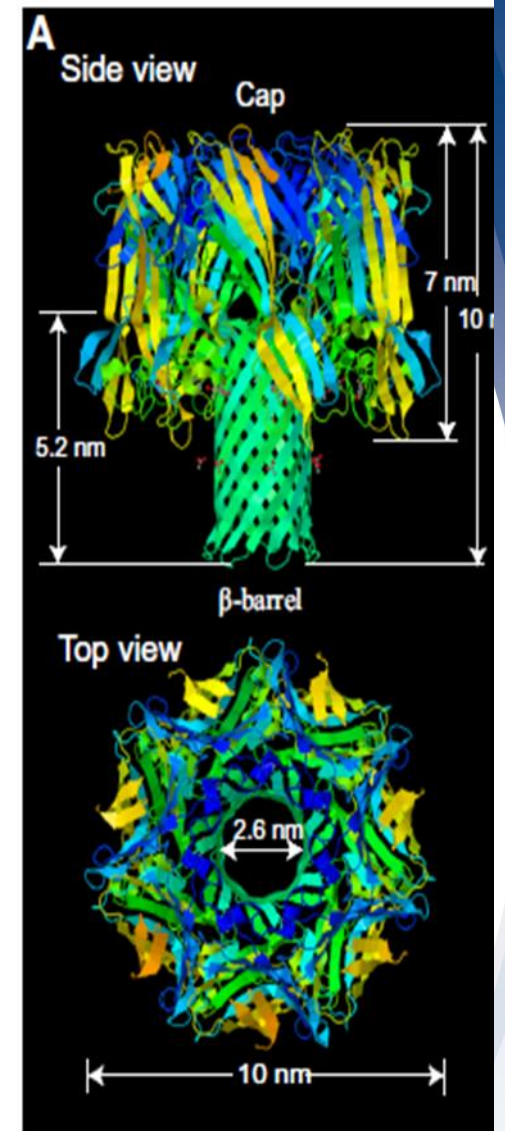
- Church et al. and Deamer and Akeson separately proposed that it is possible to sequence DNA using nanopore sensors.
- The theory behind nanopore sequencing is that with the application of an external voltage, particles with sizes slightly smaller than the pore size are passed through the pore.
- Oxford nanopore technologies has miniaturized the commercial nanopore sequencing instruments to develop a MinION, first launched in 2013.
- The MinION is a single use device with the size of a USB memory stick and is designed for general applications of DNA sequencing.



MinION Workflow

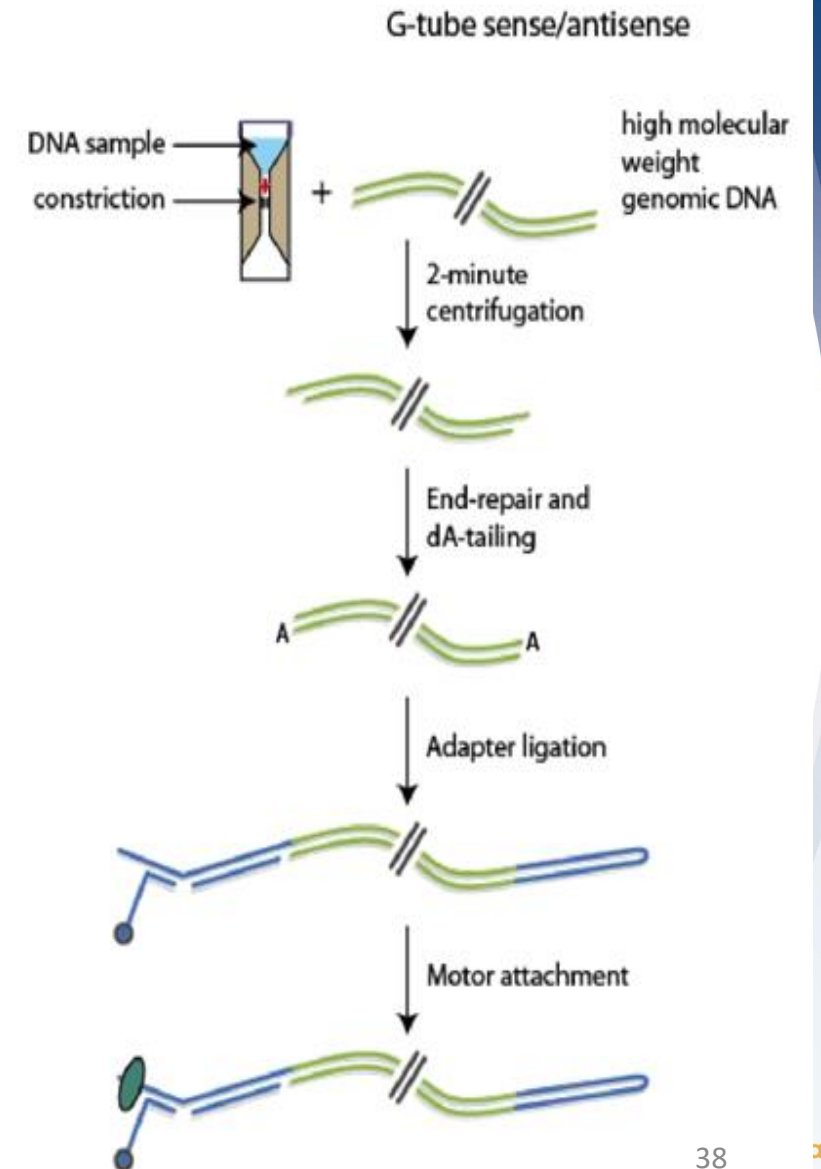
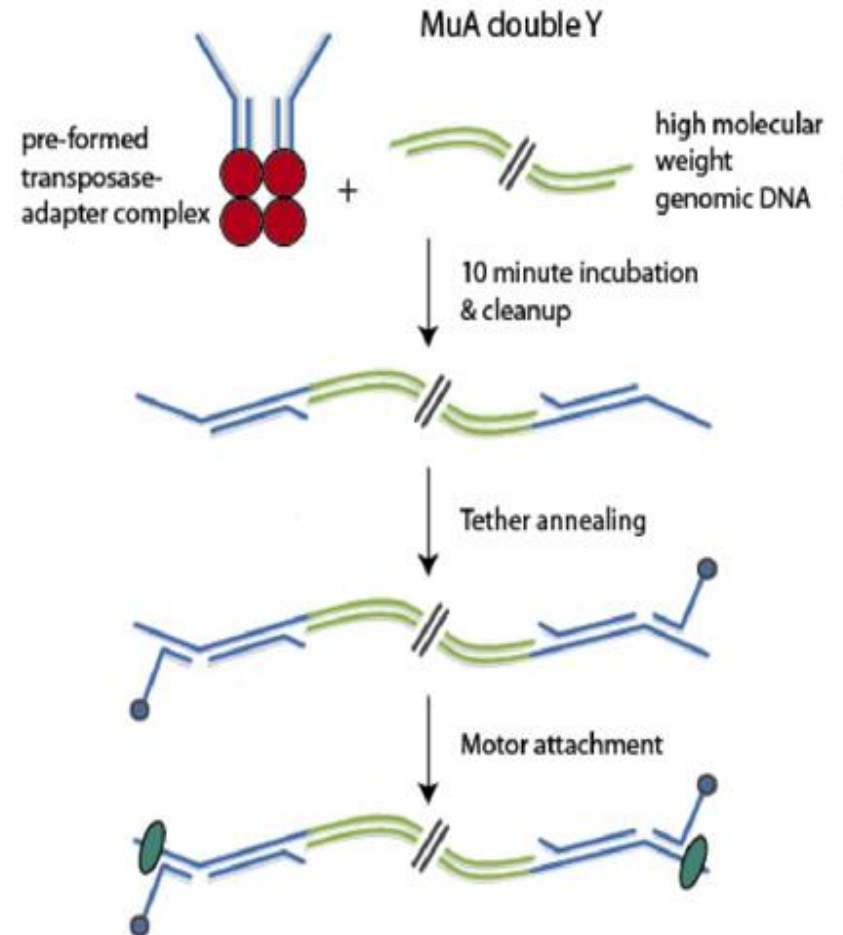


MinION Flowcell

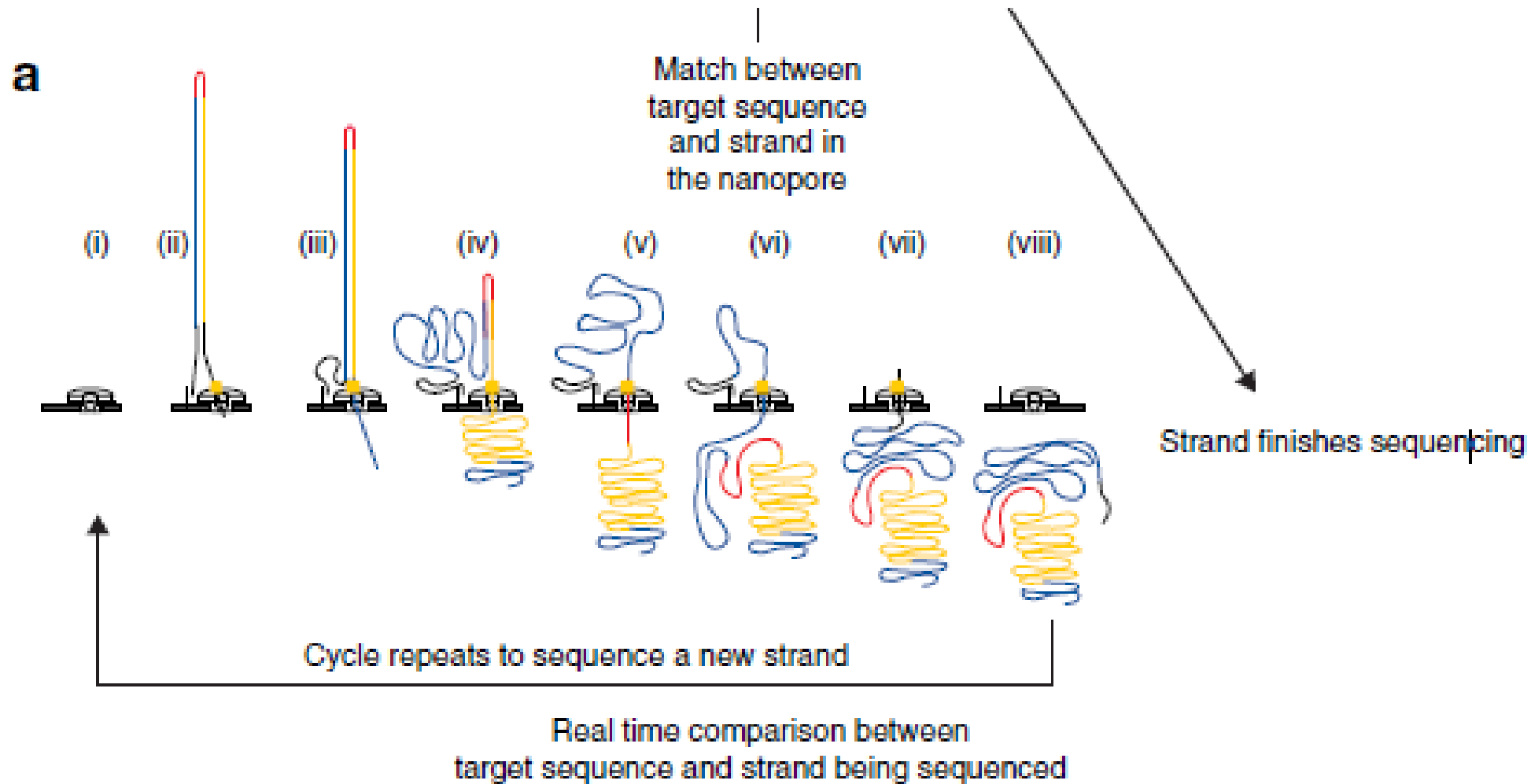


Library Preparation by ONT Kits

Examples of library preparation methods



The process of Nanopore Sequencing



Nanopore sequencing

Nanopore (Fourth Generation)	First, Second and Third Generation
Ultra long reads (10^4 - 10^6) bases	Short read lengths
High throughput	Low throughput
Low cost	High cost
Low material requirement	High material requirement
Less complicated sample preparation	Complicated sample preparation and algorithms for data processing
Rapid DNA sequencing technology	

Applications

- 440 publications in 2016
 - 1328 publications in 2019
- Laver T et al. in February 2015 assessed the performance of the Oxford Nanopore Technologies MinION by re-sequencing three bacterial genome from ATCC for *Streptomyces avermitilis* (ATCC 35210), *Borrelia burgdorferi* (ATCC 31267) and *Escherichia coli* (ATCC 10798). (7)
 - “We found that this device, which is the size of a USB stick, could detect the bacteria in heavily infected urine and provide its DNA sequence in just 12 hours. This is quarter of the time needed for conventional microbiology.”-Dr. Justin O’Grady from UEA’s Norwich Medical School.

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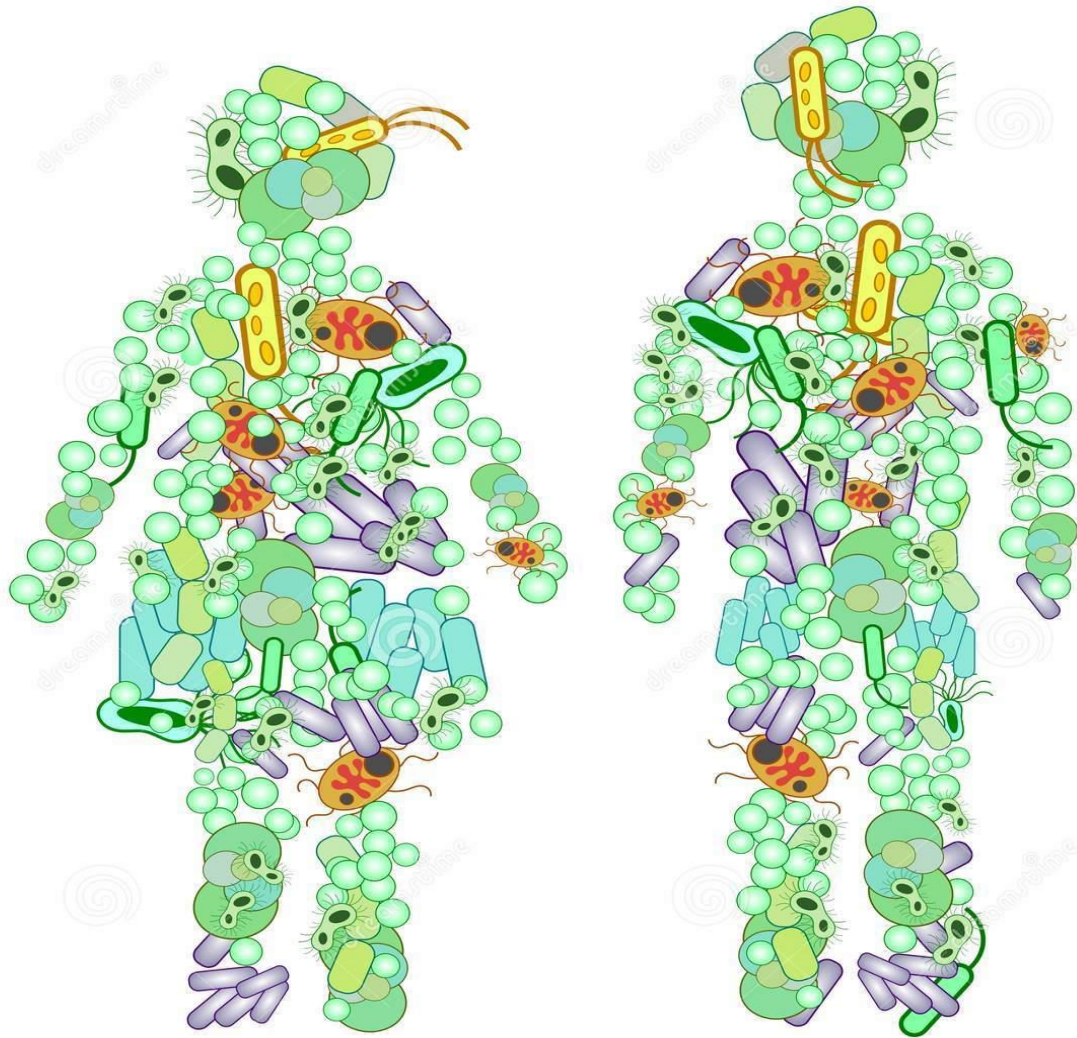
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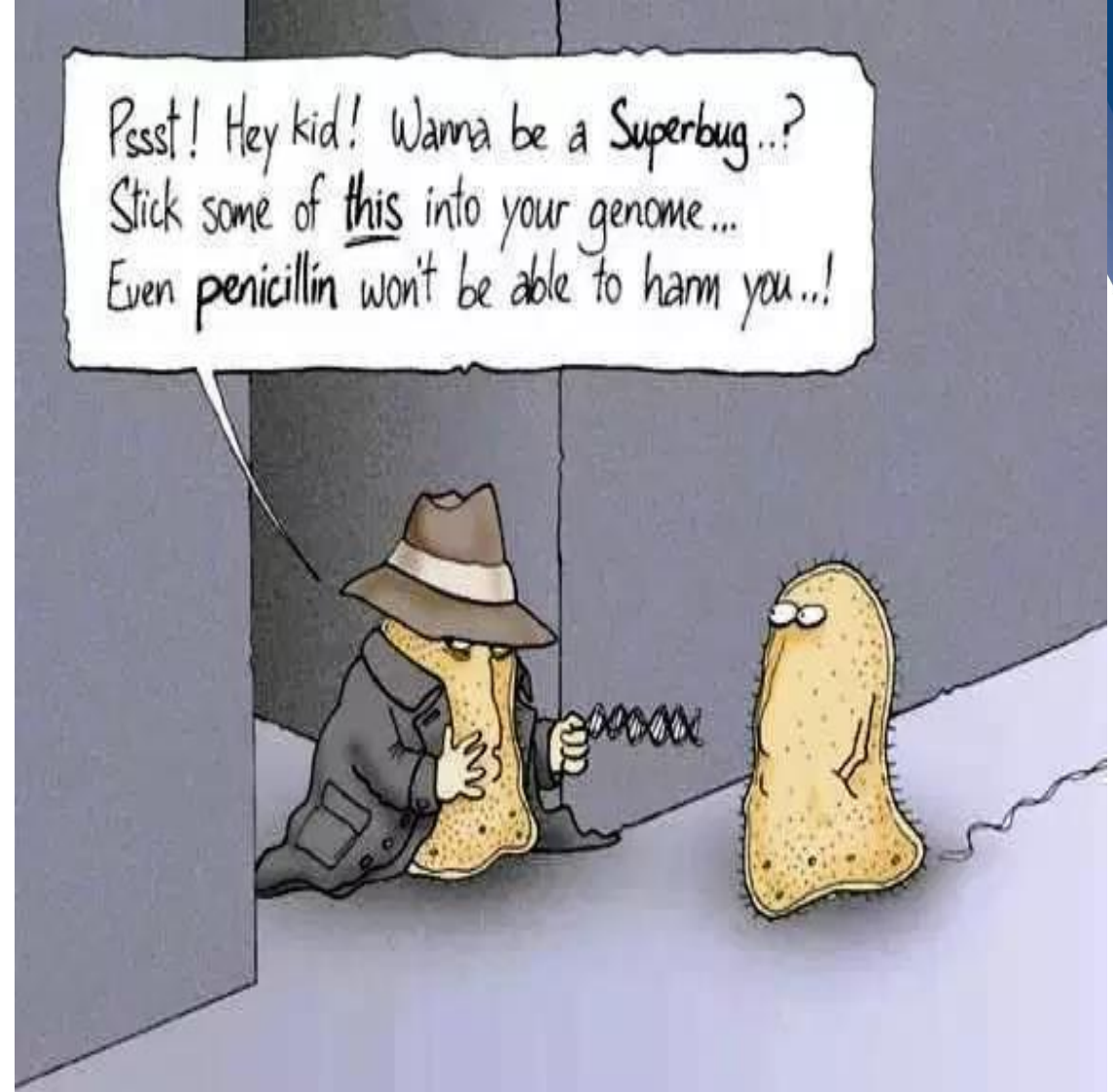
- Detection of base modifications
- Real-time targeted sequencing
- Direct RNA sequencing
- Bioinformatics and platform advances
- Single molecule protein sequencing
- Consensus sequencing for high accuracy
- Analysis of infectious agents at point-of-care
- Aneuploidy detection
- Nanopore detection in space

Conclusions

- Rapid evolution of technology
- PCR based procedures were used initially for rapid diagnosis of single pathogens
- Multiplex PCRs enabled us to look at multiple genes within the same bacterium and also distinguish genotypes
- Real time PCR helped truly multiplex and quantify pathogens
- Probe hybridization of amplicons was the next step to a syndromic approach
- DNA sequencing using NGS enabled us to identify the genotype of unknown pathogen without using pathogen specific primers
- NGS also helped in metagenomic analysis of mixed bacterial populations
- Long read sequencing now promises to be the future of pathogen identification by providing ultra short protocols for pathogen identification



Thank you



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